

## REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 20, 2004. In the Office Action, Claims 2, 5, 13, 16, and 19 were indicated as including allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended and added independent claims that include the allowable subject matter, and thus has placed the application in condition for allowance. With the cancellation of claims and addition of new claims, there are now four claim sets in the application, namely Claims 1 and 7-11, Claims 12 and 33, Claims 21-28, and Claims 29-32. The following summary is provided as a general guide to the pending claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter previously claimed in Claim 2. Claims 2-6 have been cancelled. Claims 7-11 remain as originally filed, and are dependent on allowable Claim 1.

Claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter previously claimed in Claim 13. Claims 13-17 have been cancelled. New Claim 33 has been added and is dependent on allowable Claim 12.

Claims 18-20 have been cancelled only to reduce the number of claim sets being presented to the Examiner. The cancellation of Claims 18-20 is not intended to narrow the scope or otherwise limit the interpretation of the other claims pending in the application.

New Claim 21 is a combination of the subject matter previously claimed in Claims 1 and 5, together with intervening Claim 3. New Claims 22 and 23 recite the subject matter previously presented in Claims 4 and 6, respectively, and are dependent on Claim 21.

New Claim 29 is a combination of the subject matter previously claimed in Claims 12 and 16, together with intervening Claim 14. New Claims 30 and 31 recite the subject matter previously presented in Claims 15 and 17, respectively, and are dependent on Claim 29. New Claim 32 has also been added and is dependent on allowable Claim 29.

Claims 1 and 12 have further been amended to remove the following text that was added in a response to Office Action dated September 17, 2003: "wherein the counterbalance is not

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fixed to a separate building and further the cantilevered structural support does not include a horizontal stabilizing member at the lower end of the counterbalance extending in the same direction as the elongate support member,". This text was originally added to distinguish the claimed invention over U.S. Patent No. 4,660,331 to Dahlen et al. and U.S. Patent No. 4,023,684 to Saul. Since Claims 1 and 12 now respectively include the subject matter of prior Claims 2 and 13, and prior Claims 2 and 13 were previously indicated by the Examiner as allowable over Dahlen et al. and Saul (see Office Action mailed July 17, 2003), the foregoing text is no longer needed to distinguish the claimed invention.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application in view of the amendments and remarks presented above. Should the Examiner need any further clarification of the amendments, she is invited to contact applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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